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1. The PS officers' mess, available to unmarried SNB and StB officers and career NCO's of the PS, StB, and SNB, was staffed by male civilian cooks and waiters. Until 1950, messhalls for army officers used EM as cook and tablewaiters, but in 1950 or 1951 the EM were replaced by civilians. The PS officers' mess, which was established on 1 Jan 51, had civilian help from the beginning. The meals were well prepared, served on plates and there was a sufficient quantity. On occasion second helpings could also be had. [redacted] in the PS officers' mess [redacted] one thousand crowns per month for the meals. Married PS officers who ate at home on Saturdays and Sundays, or who were on TDY, paid a smaller amount. Each meal in the mess cost about 35 crowns. Career NCO's paid only 300 crowns per month for the same food that the officers received.
2. The average menu consisted of the following:

Breakfast - Coffee or tea, rolls or bread, butter, and sometimes a small sausage.

Dinner - Soup (a tureen was placed on the table, and each man took as much as he wanted), meat with cabbage or potatoes or dumplings, coffee and cake, bread and butter.

Supper - Meat and vegetables, bread and butter, coffee.
3. Fridays were meatless days and noodles were then served. Saturday night the supper consisted of a cold buffet, ie, hard-boiled eggs, cold cuts, cheese, etc. Occasionally fresh fruit as well as goose was served, but officers had to pay 150 crowns extra per month for those delicacies. Officers also had to pay extra for beer and wine. Beer cost three crowns and wine 25-35 crowns a glass. A bottle of

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wine cost from 200 to 300 crowns and a bottle of champagne 300 to 350 crowns.

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[redacted] food for the EM had greatly improved in quality and quantity since 1948.

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